

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 16, 31 and 43 are amended. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,336,116) in view of Arora et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,911,145).

Applicant wishes to seek expeditious issuance of a patent containing claims directed to subject matter found allowable by the Patent Office. During the Telephone interview with the Examiner of April 27, 2004, it was agreed that the claims if amended as suggested in the Interview Summary of November 6, 2003 would define patentably over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 1, 16, 31 and 43 as suggested by the Examiner. However, Applicant does not acquiesce to the rejections of claims 1-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and reserves the right to present claims drawn to the same or similar subject matter for consideration in a continuing application. Additionally, Applicant reserves the right to withdraw the present amendment and traverse the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 should the Patent Office assert new grounds for rejection of the claims.

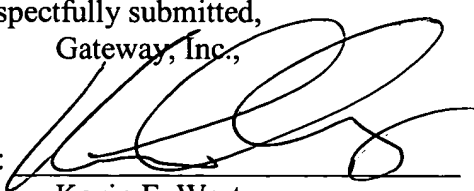
CONCLUSION

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance of all claims. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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